

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 842
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mark Ezell upon being named Executive of the Year by the *Nashville Business Journal*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mark Ezell, who was recently named Executive of the Year by the *Nashville Business Journal*, is clearly one such exemplary person; and

WHEREAS, entering his sixth year as president of Purity Dairies, Mark Ezell's approach to manufacturing continues to bring positive results, as evidenced by his selection as Executive of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ezell's management style combines a sincere care for his employees with a keen attention to detail; one Purity employee recently said of Mark Ezell, "He makes you want to do your best; he fosters loyalty."; and

WHEREAS, that adeptness at motivation and employee devotion is one reason Purity remains a family business in many respects, despite being purchased by Dean Foods in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ezell's grandfather, Miles Ezell, Sr., founded Purity Dairies in 1925; the company produces a full spectrum of dairy products, including milk, sour cream, cottage cheese, and ice cream, as well as non-dairy products including ice tea and fruit juices; and

WHEREAS, President Mark Ezell worked his way through the company ranks before assuming his current role, and he makes it a point to meet with every new employee and attend monthly orientation sessions; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Ezell's exceptional leadership and managerial skills, Purity products were judged best in the world at the 2004 and 2005 World Dairy Expo, and Purity also experienced an eight percent jump in sales in 2005; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mark Ezell for his energy, innovation, and commitment to professional excellence, and his dedication to his community and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mr. Mark Ezell upon being named Executive of the Year by the *Nashville Business Journal*, applaud his meritorious service to his community and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.